

684.2213 Div.I



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HAROYUKI INOUE, et al.) Examiner: C. Hallacher
Application No.: 08/796,519) Group Art Unit: 2853
Filed: February 7, 1997)
For: INK CONTAINER FOR INK)
JET PRINTING, HOLDER FOR :
THE CONTAINER, CARRIAGE)
FOR THE HOLDER AND : January 25, 2001
INK JET PRINTER)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED
JAN 31 2001

JAN 26 2001
O I P E
P A T E N T & T R A D E M A R K O F F I C E
T C 2800 MAIL ROOM

2853
#20
D. Scott
2-2-01

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to European 698,497, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

This reference was cited during prosecution a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Examination Report from the European Patent Office is enclosed.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and

is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Other documents cited in the Examination Report have been cited in the Information Disclosure Statements dated March 17, 1999 and August 28, 1998.

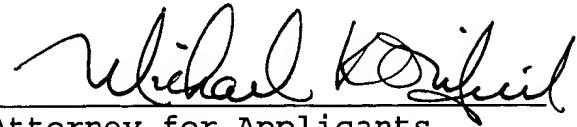
The concise explanation of relevance for the reference cited above is provided in the Examination Report.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All

correspondence should be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael Koenig
Attorney for Applicants

Registration No. 32623

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

CA_MAIN 15259 v 1